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15 FAM 400 REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION ABROAD

Changes

1. **15 FAM 400, Real Property Acquisition Abroad** is revised due to OBO's complying with OMB's A-11 standards for leases. These changes are from an OIG report titled, "Audit of U.S. Department of State Use of Short-Term Leases Overseas". The terms, Operating Lease and Capital Lease, have replaced Short-Term Lease and Long-Term Lease in the FAM. In addition there are numerous minor updates throughout for plain language changes. These changes are throughout 15 FAM 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, and 460. 15 FAM 470 is a completely new subchapter.
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